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SUBJ: BURNHAM SPEECH

SUMMARY: BURNHAM'S ONE HOUR SPEECH TO MASS RALLY TODAY  
WAS A BITTER, SCATHING ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES,  
CATALOGING EFFORTS U.S. HAS MADE SINCE 1972 TO DETER  
GUYANA FROM HAVING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND TO  
DEVIATE IT FROM ITS SOCIALIST ORIENTATION.

THE ACTION OF THE CUBAN EXILES IN BOMBING GUYANA'S  
CONSULATE AND THE SABOTAGE OF THE CUBANA  
AIRLINER WAS AN "ACT OF WAR," HE SAID. WHILE HE

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STOPPED SHORT OF ACCUSING THE U.S. OF DIRECT INVOLVEMENT,

HE MADE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THE U.S. WAS INDIRECTLY, IF NOT DIRECTLY, TO BLAME. END SUMMARY.

1. HE BEGAN THE SPEECH BEFORE A MASS RALLY AT THE CUFFY FREEDOM MONUMENT IN D'URBAN PARK. PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT TO THE RALLY BY SPECIAL BUSES FROM THE INTERIOR AND ALONG THE COAST. RADIO ANNOUNCERS CLAIMED IT WAS THE LARGEST RALLY EVER HELD IN GUYANA WITH OVER 70 THOUSAND PEOPLE PRESENT, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED THIS AND DOUBT ITS ACCURACY OF THE CLAIM. HE STARTED WITH A POEM, A DESCRIPTION OF THE GUYANESE DEAD, AND A DRAMATIC RECITAL OF EVENTS ON OCTOBER 6. HE DESCRIBED THE SUSPECTS, THE EVIDENCE AGAINST THEM AND SAID AMEMBASSY CARACAS LEGATT JOE LEO'S NAME WAS IN SUSPECT FREDDY LUGO'S DIARY.

2. PRIME MINISTER TOM ADAMS OF BARBADOS ALSO RECEIVED SHARP CRITICISM FOR HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO REQUEST EXTRADITION OF SUSPECTS DESPITE EARLIER ASSURANCES TO GOG THAT HE WOULD. HE NEEDLED ADAMS AND HINTED HE HAD SUCCUMBED TO OUTSIDE PRESSURES.

3. VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT PEREZ CAME IN FOR HIGH PRAISE FOR ITS IMMEDIATE EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES TO GUYANA AND THE FACT IT HAS PROMPTLY ARRESTED BOSCH AND OTHER SUSPECTS. THE ARRESTED TERRORISTS WERE DIRECTED BY CUBAN EXILE GROUPS IN MIAMI, HE SAID.

4. HE REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT SOME PEOPLE HAD NOT TAKEN DESTABILIZATION SERIOUSLY. NO ONE COULD HAVE DOUBTS NOW. HE ALLEGED WAR HAD BEEN DECLARED UPON CUBA 16 YEARS AGO. GUYANA HAD WAR DECLARED UPON IT SEPTEMBER 1 WITH THE BOMBING OF ITS CONSULATE IN PORT OF SPAIN. AFTER CATALOGING ALL THE "FACTS" AND COINCIDENCES HE ASKED HIS AUDIENCE TO DECIDE WHERE THE BLAME RESTS. HE LEFT NO DOUBT THAT HE BLAMED THE UNITED STATES.

5. THE SPEECH AS WRITTEN WAS DESIGNED TO HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAXIMUM IMPACT ON ITS LISTENERS. BURNHAM'S DELIVERY WAS MASTERFUL IN ACHIEVING HIS DESIRED EFFECT. HIS VOICE CARRIED THE FULL RANGE OF EMOTIONS, FROM QUIET SORROW TO RAGING ANGER.

6. BURNHAM STATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT GUYANA HAD NEVER ADVOCATED OR PRACTICED VIOLENCE; HOWEVER, HE NOW HINTED THAT THOSE WHO

PERPETRATE VIOLENCE MUST NOW EXPECT THEY  
"WILL HAVE VIOLENCE VISITED UPON THEM."

7. COMMENT: BURNHAM LET OUT ALL THE STOPS.  
THIS WAS A HOSTILE SPEECH, WHICH COULD BE  
INTERPRETED BY INDIVIDUAL GUYANESE AS AN  
INVITATION TO TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN  
HANDS. I WILL CABLE FULL TEXT TOMORROW.  
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